**Foreign collaborations for making Ceramic Tiles**

1248. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20 foreign collaborations have been granted for making ceramic tiles; and

(b) if so, what is the foreign exchange outflow and the quantum of exports?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The approximate foreign exchange outflow is of the order of Rs. 5 crores and the approximate export of ceramic tiles is about Rs. 7 crores during the last three years.

Free passes issued by Air India

1249. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of free passes issued by Air India to person other than its employees during the last three years;

(b) what is the notional amount of such free passes; and

(c) what are the names of recipients of such free passes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) According to normal commercial practice followed by airlines in the world, such information is not disclosed.

Pending industrial disputes against Indian Airlines

1250. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased *to* state :

(a) what is the number of industrial disputes which are pending against Indian Airlines as on the 31st April, 1990;

(b) what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many cases are pmding in the Central Industrial Tribunal ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) As on 30-4-1990, the number of industrial disputes pending against Indian Airlines was 41.

(b) These industrial disputes mainly pertain to removal/dismissal/ termination of service, regular appointm nt, claim of full wages for the period of suspension, absorption, of contractual labour against permanent vacancies, habitual absenteeism etc.

(c) 31 cases are pending before the Central Industrial Tribunal.

Foreign tours by top offcials of Air India

1251. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the Managing Director and the Director Finance (Human Resource Development Departrmnt) of Air India during the last three years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange received by them by way of allowances; and

(c) the amount of expanses incurred by Air India in foreign exchange as a result of these tours including the notional amount of air fare ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AF-

FAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of tbe Sabha.

**Writ petitions and industrial disputes pending against Air India**

1252. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Writ Petitions and Industrial Disputes filed/raised by employees of Air lndia during the last five years; and

(b) how does this figure compare with Indian Airlines, Vayudoot, Pawan Hans Ltd. and the I.A.A.I. ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) During the period 1985-90, 113 industrial disputes have been raised by employees of Air India and 86 writ petitions have been filed.

(b) The number of employees, sphere of opsrations and the service conditions of these organisations are different from those of Air India. Therefore, there cannot be any meaningful comparison in this regard.

Upgradation of Trivandrum Airport to International Standard

1253. SHRI THOMAS KUTHI RAVATTOM : Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Trivandrum Airport to International standard in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are tha details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) The existing facilites at Trivandrum airport are already of international standard.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Airports and Air facilities during Eighth Plan Period

1254. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the proposed investment on development or airports and air facilities during the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) what is the time schedule for introduction ot Global positioning System (GPS) and Microwave Landing Systems; and

(c) whether there is any plan to introduce the system of computerised photo identification of passengers for immigration control ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Rs. 675.00 crores.

(b) The Global Position System for civil aircraft operations is still at experimental stage and has not been certified for air traffic control purposes by the International Civil Aviation Organisation. While the ICAO had originally set that after 1988, Micro-wave Landing System (MLS) be installed, atleast at international airports, a firm decision in so far as the transition date, has not been taken so far.

(c) Although membei' countries have passed a resolution under the aegis of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) for the adoption of a machine readable passport/ machine, readable visa, the technology is still under trial.